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THREE BALTIMORE MEN INDICTED ON FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGES

Baltimore, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that a federal grand jury has indicted Lamont Crooks, age 35; Kinshausa Smith, age 33; and Troy Jackson, age 25, all of Baltimore, Maryland, for violations of federal firearms laws.

The indictment charges that on November 30, 2001, Crooks, Smith, and Jackson possessed three firearms, including an Uzi 9-millimeter semiautomatic weapon, after having each been previously convicted of a felony. The defendants were arrested on November 30, 2004 in the 1500 block of Kia Court by officers of the Baltimore City Police Department. At the time of their arrests, Crooks and Smith were on parole from previous state sentences.

Each defendant faces a maximum penalty of 10 years' imprisonment followed by a three-year period of supervised release.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

The criminal charges in this indictment are the result of a joint investigation by the Baltimore

Police Department, the State's Attorney's Office for Baltimore City, and the United States Attorney's Office.

The defendants' initial appearances have not yet been scheduled.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jason Weinstein.